



CLAIMS

What is claimed is:

1. An apparatus comprising:

a strap member, said strap member being alternately configurable to serve as a case or as a wearable mount for an electronic device;  
a post member that describes an axis, said post member being coupled to said strap member; and  
and an attachment mechanism, said attachment mechanism being suitable for attaching said electronic device to said strap member by way of said post member so that said electronic device can rotate on said axis.

1. An apparatus for providing access to an electronic device, said apparatus comprising:

a case member, wherein said case member is configured to be alternately movable into a first position or a second position, said first position comprising the shape of a case for said electronic device and said second position comprising the shape of a wrist mount for said electronic device; and  
a fastener, whereby said case member can be fixed in said first position or fixed in said second position after having been adjusted.

2. The apparatus in claim 1 additionally comprising a first fastening mechanism whereby said case member can be fixed in the configuration of a case. The apparatus in claim 1 additionally comprising an attachment mechanism whereby an electronic device may be removably attached to said case member.

3. The apparatus in claim 1 additionally comprising a first fastening mechanism whereby said case member can be fixed in the configuration of a mount.

The apparatus in claim 1 additionally comprising a movable coupling whereby an electronic device may be movably coupled to said case member.

4. The apparatus in claim 2 wherein said first fastening mechanism is a hook-and-loop fastener. The apparatus in claim 2 additionally

~~movably coupled to said case member.~~

5. The apparatus in claim 3 wherein said first fastening mechanism comprises a rigid loop through which said strap member can be fed. ~~The apparatus in claim 1 wherein said case member can be alternately wrapped in a first direction or in a second direction such that: when wrapped in said first direction, said case member assumes said first position; and when wrapped in said second direction, said case member assumes said second position.~~

6. The apparatus in claim 1 wherein said strap member further comprises a friction-providing mechanism. ~~The apparatus in claim 1 additionally comprising an electronic device, wherein said electronic device further comprises an input or output device.~~

7. The apparatus in claim 6 wherein said friction-providing mechanism is a rubber grommet. ~~The apparatus in claim 6 wherein said input or output device comprises at least one of the following:~~  
~~a display monitor;~~  
~~a touch screen;~~  
~~a microphone;~~  
~~a speaker;~~  
~~a data capture device, such as a camera, a magnetic data storage medium reader, or a scanner; or~~  
~~a data transmission or reception device, such as a pager or telephone.~~

8. A method for transporting an electronic device comprising the following steps:  
~~wrapping a first apparatus around a first electronic device so that said first apparatus serves as a protective covering for said first electronic device;~~  
~~unwrapping said first apparatus; and~~  
~~wrapping said first apparatus around a user's limb so that said first apparatus serves as a wearable mount for said first electronic device.~~ The apparatus in claim 1 wherein said strap member further comprises a stabilization mechanism.

9. The apparatus in claim 8 wherein said stabilization mechanism is an embedded plastic plate. The method in claim 8 additionally comprising at least one of the following steps:  
removably attaching said first electronic device to said first apparatus, and/or  
movably coupling said first electronic device to said first apparatus.

10. The apparatus in claim 1 wherein said attachment mechanism comprises a hook-and-loop fastener. The method in claim 8 wherein the step of wrapping a first apparatus around a first electronic device further comprises the step of wrapping said first apparatus in a first direction and wherein the step of wrapping said first apparatus around a user's limb further comprises the step of wrapping said first apparatus in a second direction, said first direction being substantially opposite said second direction.

11. The apparatus in claim 1 additionally comprising said electronic device. The method in claim 8 additionally comprising at least one of the following steps:  
fastening said first apparatus such that its shape remains substantially fixed in the shape of a protective covering for said first electronic device; or  
fastening said first apparatus such that its shape remains substantially fixed in the shape of a wearable mount.

12. The apparatus in claim 12 wherein said electronic device can rotate on said axis three-hundred-sixty degrees. The method in claim 8 additionally comprising at least one of the following steps:  
accessing said electronic device by way of a touch screen interface;  
accessing said electronic device by way of a speech interface; and/or  
accessing said electronic device by way of an electronic scanner or reader.

13. The apparatus in claim 5 wherein said strap member remains

threaded through said rigid loop both when said strap member is configured to serve as a case and when said strap member is configured to serve as a mount. An apparatus comprising:

a flexible member;

a first attachment mechanism whereby said flexible member can be fixed into the shape of a case so as to cover a first electronic device; and

a second attachment mechanism whereby said flexible member can be fixed into the shape of a wearable mount, thereby exposing said first electronic device.

14. The apparatus in claim 11 wherein said electronic device further comprises a touch-sensitive interface device. The apparatus in claim 13 additionally comprising a third attachment mechanism whereby said flexible member can be removably attached to said first electronic device.

15. The apparatus in claim 11 wherein said electronic device further comprises an automatic data capture device, such as a camera, a magnetic data storage medium reader, or a scanner. The apparatus in claim 13 additionally comprising a movable coupling whereby said flexible member can be movably coupled to said first electronic device.

16. The apparatus in claim 11 wherein said electronic device is removably attached through said attachment mechanism. The apparatus in claim 13 additionally comprising said first electronic device.

17. An apparatus comprising:

an electronic device;

a strap member, said strap member being alternately configurable to serve as a case or as a wearable mount for an electronic device; and an attachment mechanism, said attachment mechanism being suitable for attaching said electronic device to said strap member so as to allow said electronic device to rotate three-hundred-sixty degrees. The apparatus in claim 16 additionally comprising at least one of the

following:

~~a movable coupling whereby said flexible member can be movably coupled to said first electronic device; and/or a third attachment mechanism whereby said flexible member can be removably attached to said first electronic device.~~

18. The apparatus in claim 17 wherein said electronic device comprises a touch interface device. ~~The apparatus in claim 15 wherein said movable coupling allows said first electronic device to swivel in place with respect to said flexible member.~~

19. The apparatus in claim 17 additionally comprising an audio or video interface device. ~~The apparatus in claim 13 additionally comprising a loop through which said flexible member can be fed so as to facilitate attachment.~~

20. An apparatus comprising:

an electronic device;  
a strap member, said strap member being alternately configurable to serve as a case or as a wearable mount for an electronic device; and  
The apparatus in claim 13 wherein said electronic device comprises a Personal Digital Assistant or a touch screen display. ~~a movable coupling between said electronic device and said strap member whereby said electronic device can rotate relative to said strap member by function of said movable coupling when sufficient torque is applied, even if said strap member does not substantially move or flex as result of said torque.~~